





## CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION.

From our Correspondent.

MEANS, EDITOR: See, Aug. 26, 1846.

If any of our eastern friends wish to know

the minutes of our order there is not a power of

dissemination, an ability to comprehend truth,

however abstract or metaphysical, and still in de-

bate, they are exceedingly mistaken. I have

listened to hours of eloquence and wisdom and

displays of such power of argumentation as is

often my privilege in any deliberative body that

I have ever attended. These western men think

as well as we, and they are obliged to do so

whether they will or not. The most of these re-

ports will be published at length in some reli-

gious paper. It will be thought by some that

these reports are too highly seasoned with

our own peculiarities; so much so as to make

us as sectarians as those of whose sectarian

influence we complain. But the readers of these

papers must bear in mind the peculiar situation

of these brethren who have been struggling to

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## ON GIVING THE BIBLE TO THE SLAVES.

MEANS, EDITOR:—Having finished what I

wish to say in reply to the remarks of your

correspondent, "Lot," the power of the gospel

to abolish slavery, I wish with your leave to make

a few remarks on the particular subject at

presented to the General Assembly at Pop-

perth—giving the Bible to the slaves.

There can be no doubt of the right of the slave

to have the Bible. God has required them to

search the scriptures. It is as much our duty

to give Bibles to the slaves as to any other por-

tion of the human family. They are a part of our

country, making up nearly one-sixth part of the

population; and it cannot be truly said that our

country is supplied with the word of God, so long

as one-sixth of the people are intentionally, sys-

tematically denied the Bible. The written scrip-

tures are as essential a means of grace to slaves

as to Chinese or Indians. The only reason why

the slaves are not allowed to have Bibles, is in

an apprehension of the destruction, that, in the

hands of the ignorant, they will be lost, and

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